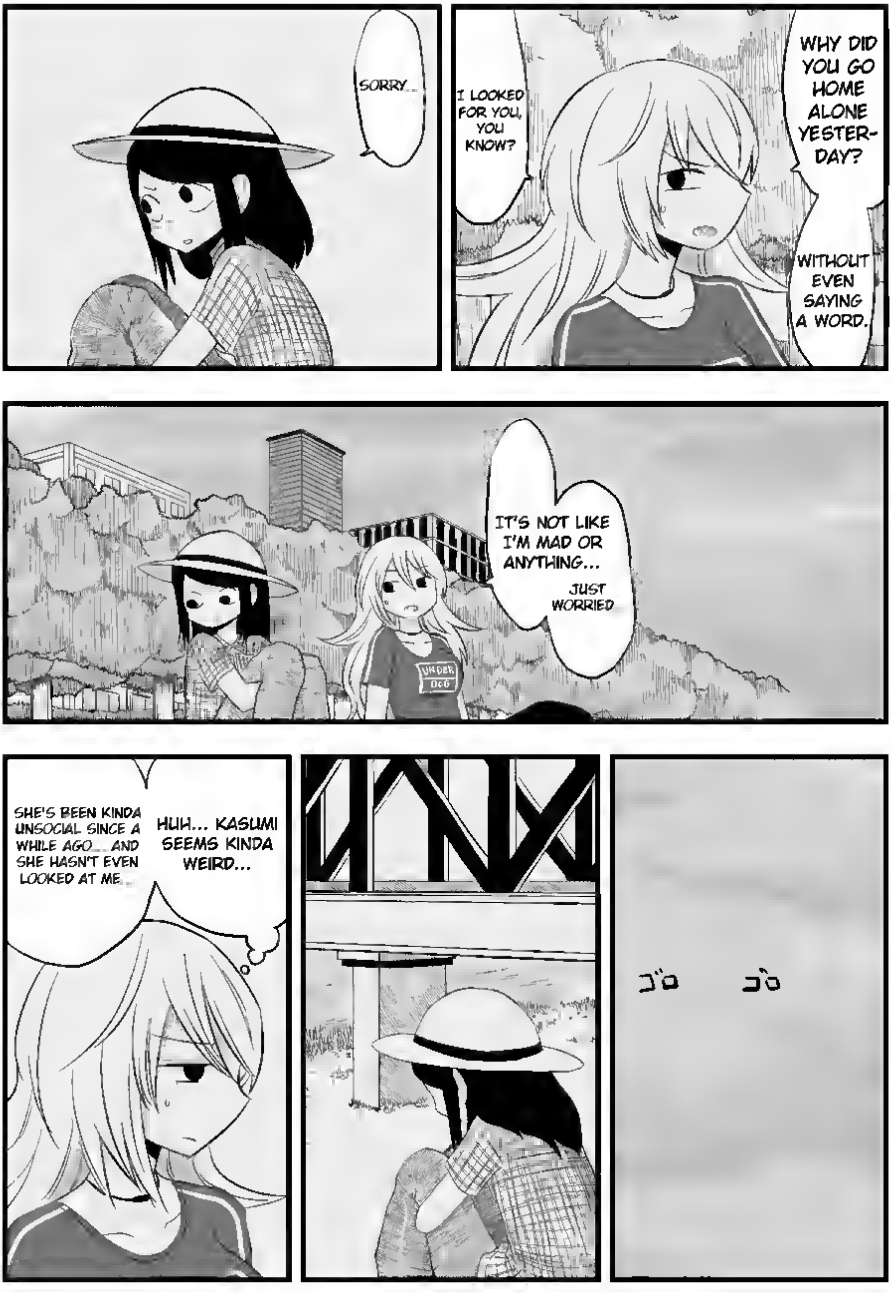
SORRY...
I LOOKED FOR YOU, YOU KNOW?
WHY DID YOU GO HOME ALONE YESTERDAY?
WITHOUT EVEN SAYING A WORD.
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M MAD OR ANYTHING...
JUST WORRIED
SHE'S BEEN KINDA UNSOCIAL SINCE A WHILE AGO... AND SHE HASN'T EVEN LOOKED AT ME...
HUH... KASUMI SEEMS KINDA WEIRD...
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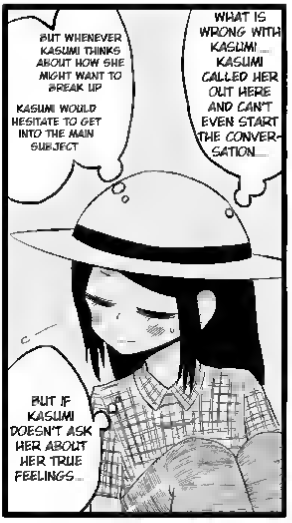
MAYBE SHE'S MAD ABOUT SOMETHING?
BUT WHAT...
SOMEHOW, THE MOOD IS WEIRD...
LOOKS LIKE SHE DIDN'T INVITE ME TO COME OUT HERE TO PLAY
I DON'T GET THIS AT ALL...


BUT WHENEVER KASUMI THINKS ABOUT HOW SHE MIGHT WANT TO BREAK UP
KASUMI WOULD HESITATE TO GET INTO THE MAIN SUBJECT
WHAT IS WRONG WITH KASUMI!... KASUMI CALLED HER OUT HERE AND CAN'T EVEN START THE CONVERSATION...
BUT IF KASUMI DOESN'T ASK HER ABOUT HER TRUE FEELINGS...

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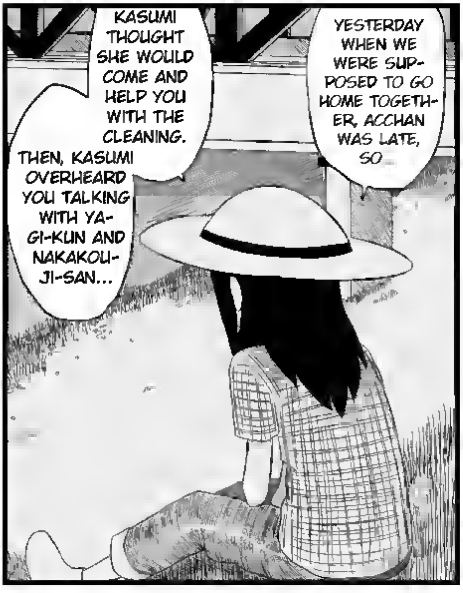
KASUMI..
COULD IT BE THAT YESTERDAY... I DID SOMETHING I SHOULDN'T HAVE?
UNDER
DOG

OR DID SOMETHING AWKWARD..
IF I DID SOMETHING, JUST SAY IT.
YOU HAVE TO TELL ME WHAT I'VE DONE WRONG, SO I CAN FIX IT.
I'M SORRY IF I'VE SAID SOMETHING I SHOULDN'T.
UNDER

I JUST DON'T WANT YOU TO HATE ME...


KASUMI THOUGHT SHE WOULD COME AND HELP YOU WITH THE CLEANING.
YESTERDAY WHEN WE WERE SUPPOSED TO GO HOME TOGETHER, ACCHAN WAS LATE, SO...
THEN, KASUMI OVERHEARD YOU TALKING WITH YAGI-KUN AND NAKAKOUJI-SAN...

ACCHAN...
... DOESN'T HATE KASUMI?

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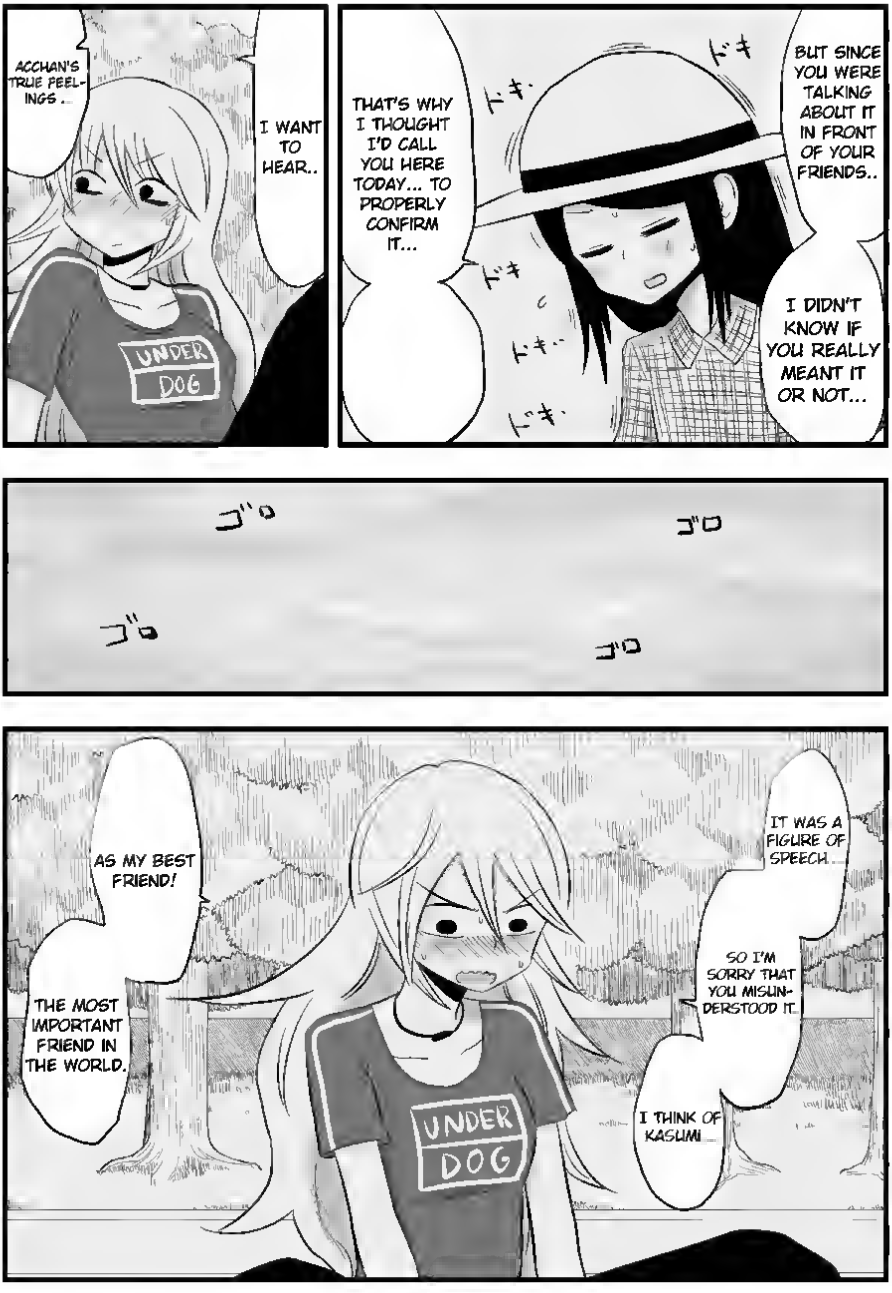
... NO.

THAT'S WHY... I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT YESTERDAY, OKAY?
THEN... I GOT SAD AND WENT HOME ALONE.
NO, I SHOULD BE THE ONE SAYING SORRY...

ACCHAN WAS TALKING ABOUT ME.
I ACCIDENTALLY EAVESDROPPED ON ACCHAN, AND BEGAN OVERTHINKING STUFF..
WAS IT BECAUSE I REFERRED TO HER AS JUST A FRIEND...
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S MY BEST FRIEND...?


ACCHAN'S TRUE FEELINGS...
I WANT TO HEAR..
UNDER DOG
THAT'S WHY I THOUGHT I'D CALL YOU HERE TODAY... TO PROPERLY CONFIRM IT...
BUT SINCE YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT IT IN FRONT OF YOUR FRIENDS..
I DIDN'T KNOW IF YOU REALLY MEANT IT OR NOT...
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AS MY BEST FRIEND!
THE MOST IMPORTANT FRIEND IN THE WORLD.
IT WAS A FIGURE OF SPEECH...
SO I'M SORRY THAT YOU MISUNDERSTOOD IT.
I THINK OF KASUMI...
UNDER DOG

SIS, YOU LIAR...
FRIEND...
IS THAT SO...
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EH...?
I KNEW IT, TO ACCHAN, I'M JUST A...
SO THAT IS HOW ACCHAN REALLY FEELS?

THEN...
WHY DID YOU KISS ME?
BUT WHY ARE YOU CRYING!?
DID I SAY SOMETHING I SHOULDN'T?
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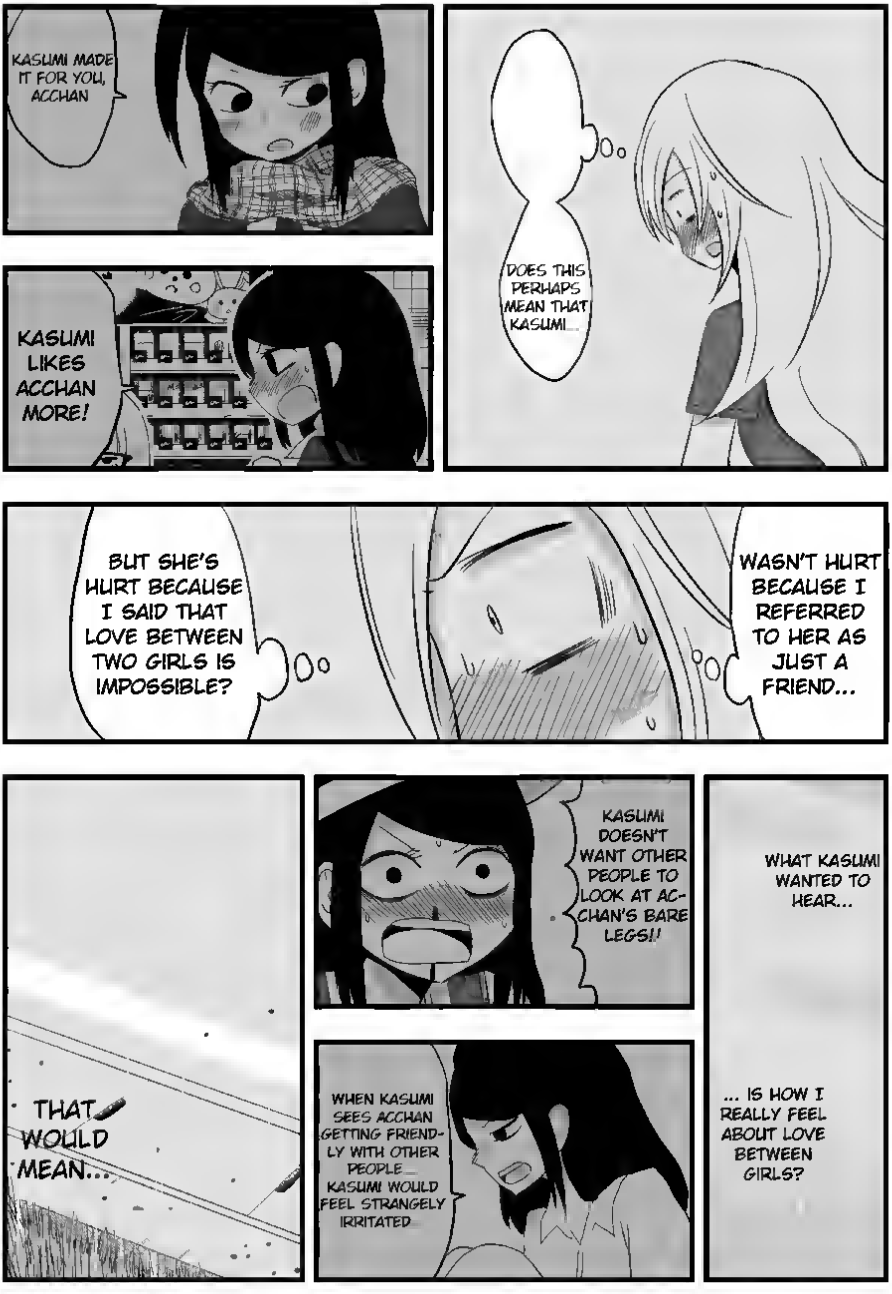
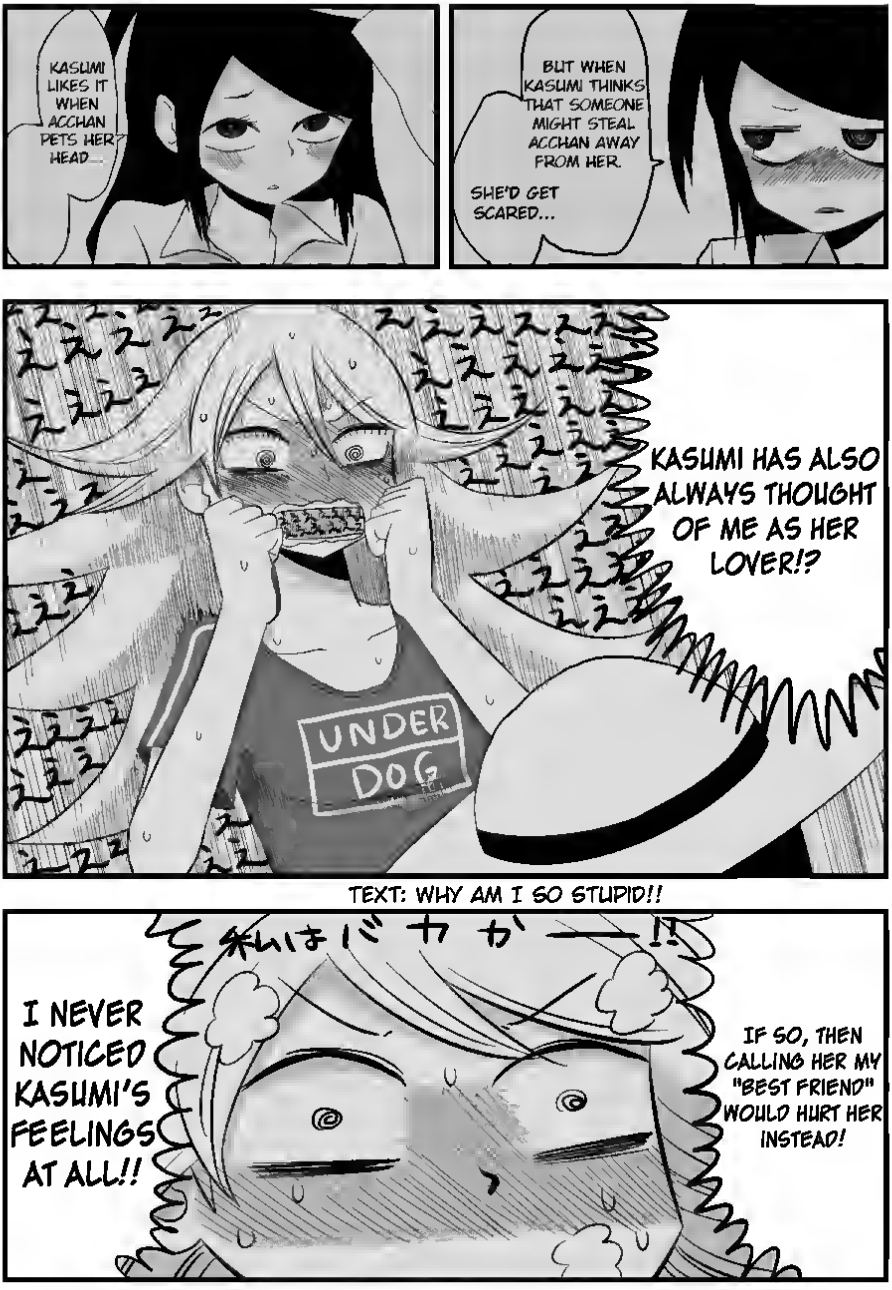
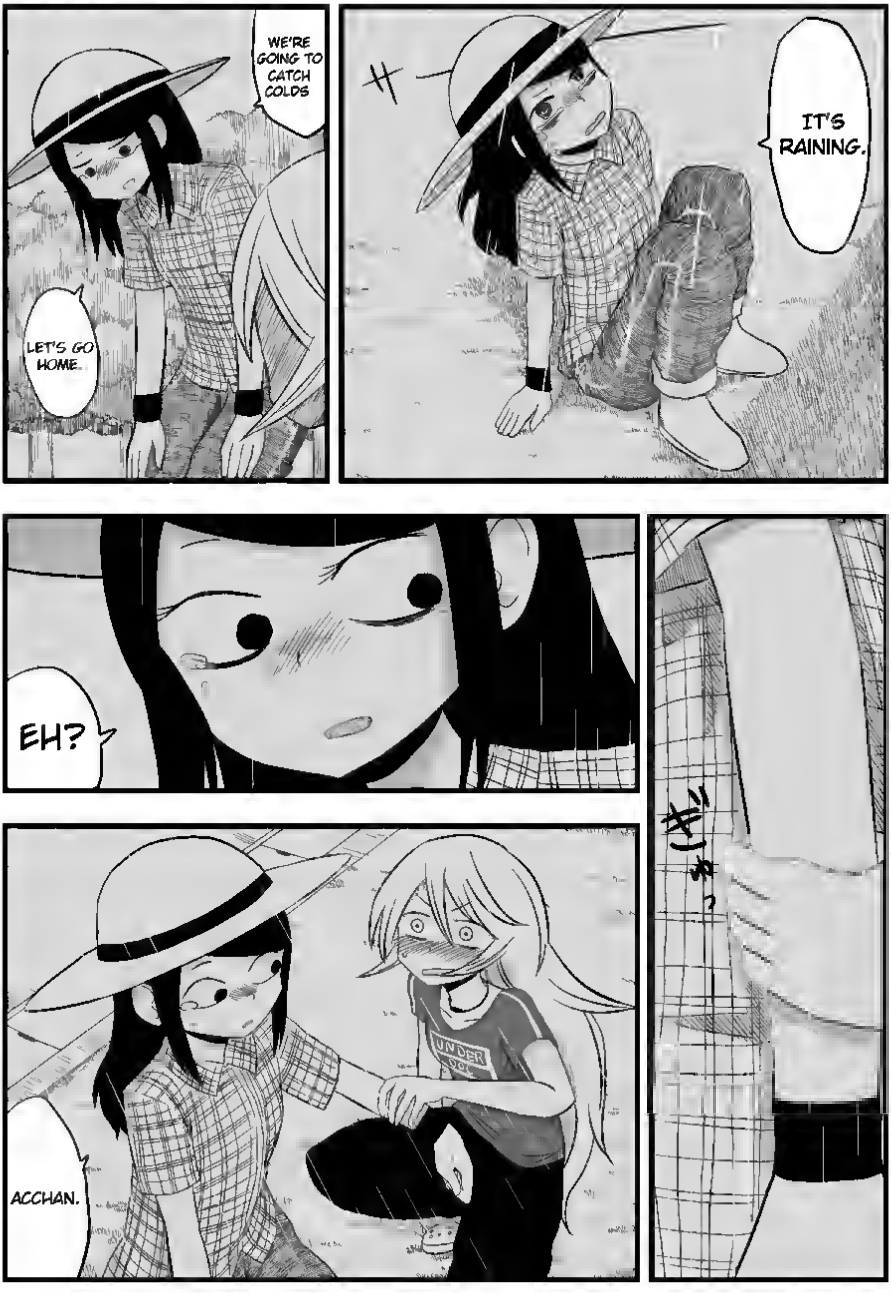
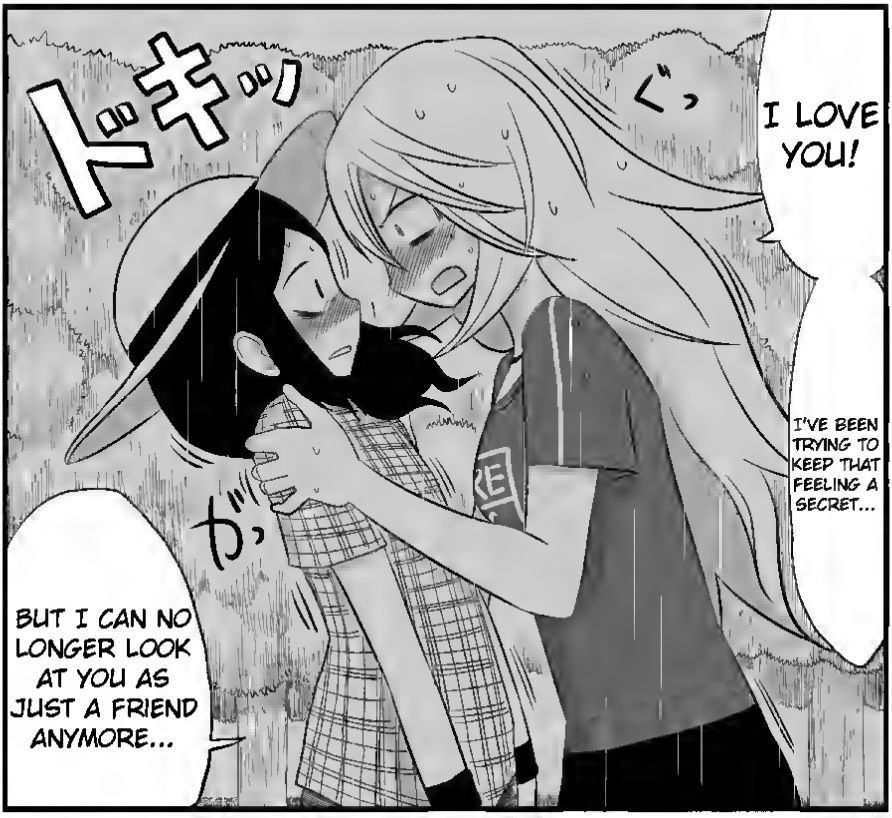
OF COURSE!
THAT IS NORMAL, RIGHT?
HUH...?
UNDER
DOG


KASUMI MADE IT FOR YOU, ACCHAN
DOES THIS PERHAPS MEAN THAT KASUMI...
KASUMI LIKES ACCHAN MORE!
BUT SHE'S HURT BECAUSE I SAID THAT LOVE BETWEEN TWO GIRLS IS IMPOSSIBLE?
WASN'T HURT BECAUSE I REFERRED TO HER AS JUST A FRIEND...
KASUMI DOESN'T WANT OTHER PEOPLE TO LOOK AT AC-CHAN'S BARE LEGS!!
WHAT KASUMI WANTED TO HEAR...
THAT WOULD MEAN...
WHEN KASUMI SEES ACCHAN GETTING FRIEND-LY WITH OTHER PEOPLE... KASUMI WOULD FEEL STRANGELY IRRITATED
... IS HOW I REALLY FEEL ABOUT LOVE BETWEEN GIRLS?


KASUMI LIKES IT WHEN ACCHAN PETS HER HEAD...
BUT WHEN KASUMI THINKS THAT SOMEONE MIGHT STEAL ACCHAN AWAY FROM HER.
SHE'D GET SCARED...
KASUMI HAS ALSO ALWAYS THOUGHT OF ME AS HER LOVER!?
UNDER DOG
TEXT: WHY AM I SO STUPID!!
私はバカが――!!
I NEVER NOTICED KASUMI'S FEELINGS AT ALL!!
IF SO, THEN CALLING HER MY "BEST FRIEND" WOULD HURT HER INSTEAD!


WE'RE GOING TO CATCH COLDS
LET'S GO HOME.
IT'S RAINING.
EH?
ACCHAN.
UNDER

I WAS OVERTHINK-ING ABOUT THINGS TOO!
THAT'S WHY IT WAS PAINFUL, EVERY TIME I SAW YOU.
JUST LIKE YOU, I DID THAT TOO.
EH?
FOR KASUMI?
FEEL-INGS...
BUT I COULDN'T STOP...
MY FEELINGS FOR YOU JUST KEEP OVER-FLOWING... MORE AND MORE...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I LOVE YOU!
I'VE BEEN TRYING TO KEEP THAT FEELING A SECRET...
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BUT I CAN NO LONGER LOOK AT YOU AS JUST A FRIEND ANYMORE...

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GO OUT WITH ME!

YOU MEAN, WE'RE NOT GOING OUT YET?
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EH? KASUMI MIGHT HAVE MIS-UNDERSTOOD SOMETHING...
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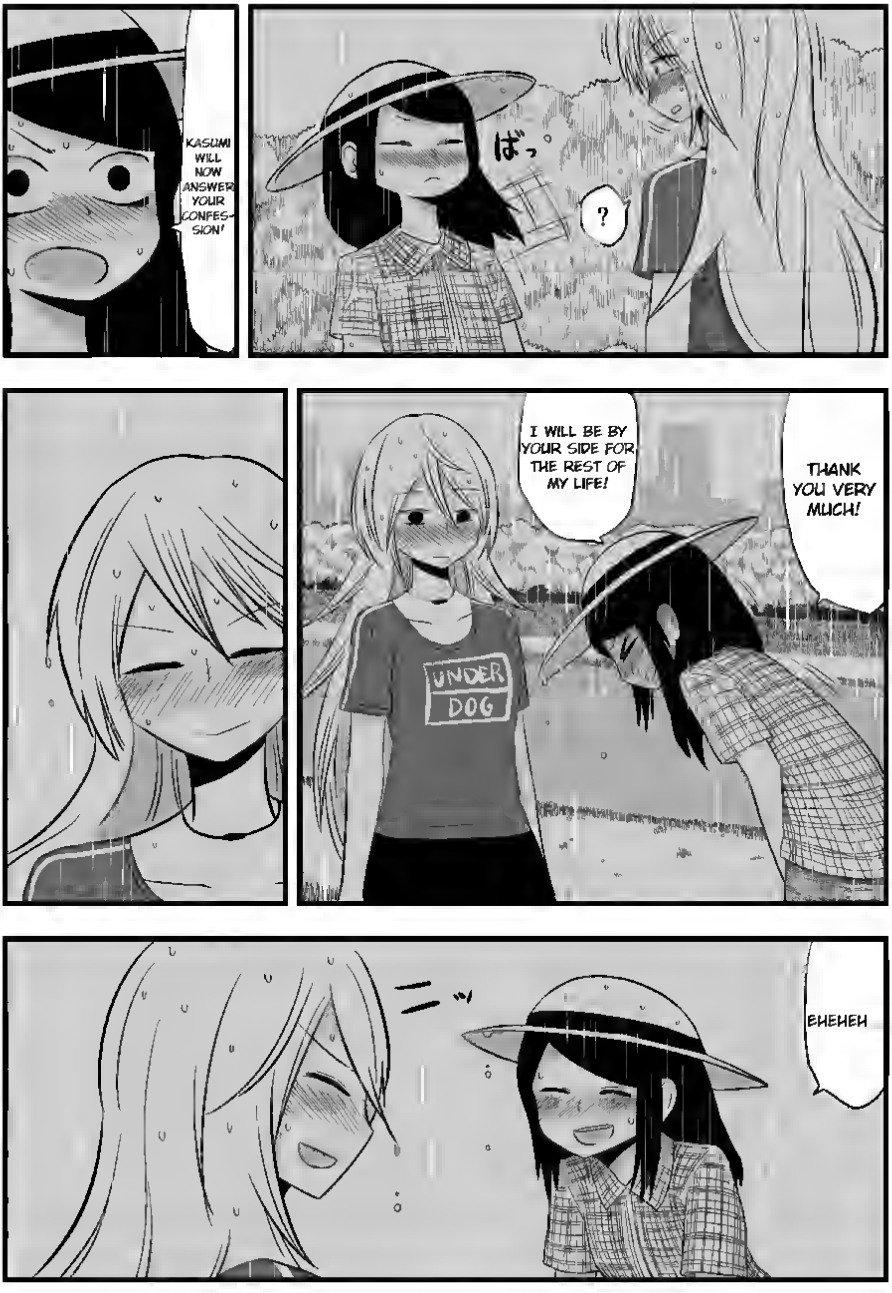
BUT, WE'VE KISSED?! AND YOU SAID YOU WILL ONLY EVER DO THAT TO KASUMI..
BUT I... ONLY JUST CONFESSED...?
HOW COULD I BREAK UP WITH YOU! IF ANYTHING, I WANTED YOU TO BECOME MY LOVER...
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS SO HARD..
HUH?
SO WHEN YOU SAID YOU ONLY THINK OF KASUMI AS A FRIEND YESTERDAY...
KASUMI THOUGHT YOU WANTED TO BREAK-UP...
REALLY!
REALLY?


KASUMI WILL NOW ANSWER YOUR CONFESSION!
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I WILL BE BY YOUR SIDE FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
UNDER DOG
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OKAY.
HOW ABOUT WE CRITICIZE IT SOME MORE ONCE WE'RE UNDER THAT BRIDGE ♪ ?
UNDER DOG
THE WEATHER REALLY DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO READ THE MOOD!
IT STARTED POURING ALL OF A SUDDEN!
YEAH, IT DID.
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LET'S GO, ACCHAN.
UNDER DOG
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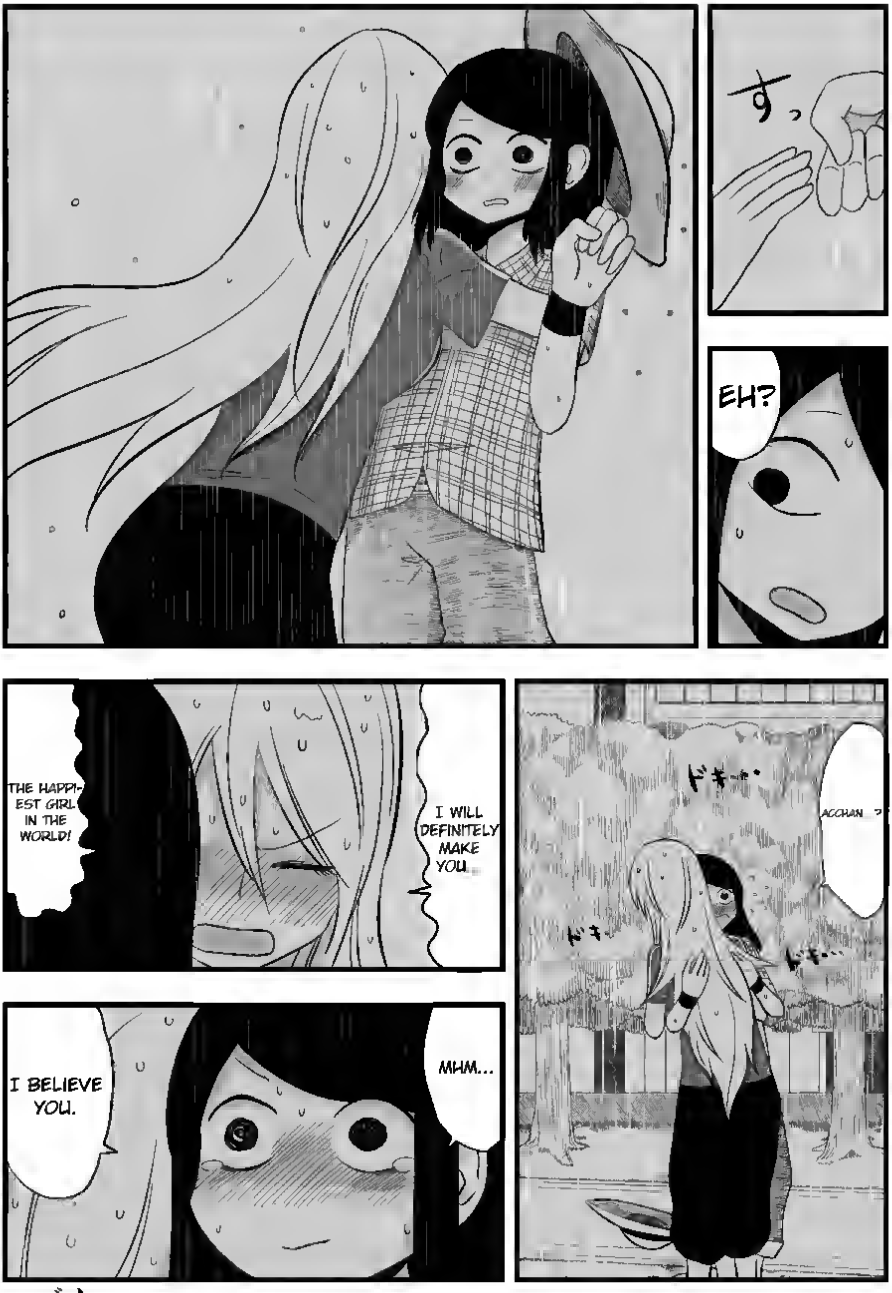
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EH?
ACCHAN ?
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I WILL DEFINITELY MAKE YOU
THE HAPPIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD!
MHM...
I BELIEVE YOU.

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